

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 17th 2001

Awards

The following are some of the awards that were presented at the recent IRTS AGM. The IRTS Presidents Cup 2001 was awarded to Joseph Dillon EI4FV.

The IRTS Ian Morris Memorial Trophy for SWL 2000 was awarded to T Caffrey, EI1333. The Kevin Freeney Trophy went to Tony Breathnach EI5EM and the IRTS Folan Shield 2001 went to Ronnie McGrane EI9ED.

The following awards were also presented. The IRTS 2 metre Counties for Spring 2000 (high power portable section) was awarded to Tipperary Radio Group EI7TRG and the prize for the low power portable section went to EI6HB/P. The IRTS 2 metre Counties for Autumn (high power portable section) was awarded to EI6FE/P, the low power portable went to EI4HX/P and the 2 metres Counties for both Spring and Autumn 2000 for operators outside EI went to GW0PLP. More awards will be announced in next weeks news.

IRTS Committee Meeting

The first committee meeting of the new IRTS committee for 2001/2002 took place on Saturday the 9th of June last in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone. This meeting was well attended and jobs were allocated to the various members for the coming year. It was decided that the committee would go into Summer recess and the next committee meeting will be announced in the radio news.

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club took to the hills over Ballinascorney last Saturday the 2nd June. The eight members were 'champing at the bit' for some outdoor activity following the Foot and Mouth restrictions and the chance to operate the Club's latest acquisition - the Kenwood TS570DG. Around midday the club's 2 metre frequency became alive as members pleaded on their mobiles and handhelds for directions to the proposed operating site. Within the hour the club were up and running in WAI Square Oscar 2 Wicklow, with a G5RV, a 10m Vertical, a 6m Beam and a 9-element Tonna for 2m. Conditions were good and in no time the club had worked Achill Island on 6m and Rathlin Island on 40m. The 6m opening died fairly rapidly, however, a good QSO

rate was maintained on HF. The club operated the station up to 1830 hrs. A good day was had by all! SDR members were: Tom EI7HT, Tommy EI9BTB, Jim EI4HH, Nick EI5FIB, Mark EI7FNB, Tony EI7FKB, Michael SWL and Daniel SWL.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will be putting on a display and information exhibition on amateur radio at Douglas Library Cork on Thursday 28th of June as part of its "spreading the news" programme. This exhibition is being organised by PRO Liam Lyons EI2FB.

Cork Radio Club welcomes Anatoly LY2BCB who is here on a migrant workers visa.

Ten Metre Beacon

The Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation has recently granted permission for a 10 metre beacon to be established in EI. The licence is initially for 3 months on a "non interference" basis after which time a permanent licence will be issued if all is satisfactory.

Operating on 28.209 MHz (Mode A1A), the beacon using the callsign EI0TEN is capable of 25 watts but will run initially on 5 watts for the "bedding in" period and will operate using a dipole antenna for approximately six weeks. However, after this time the beacon will use 4 x phased 1/4 wave verticals beaming NW, NE, SE, SW. QSL to EI4HQ via buro.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 27th of June 2001 at 8.00pm in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy road Waterford. All are welcome. For enquiries, phone 087-6302026 or e-mail searg@angelfire.com.

DX News

K2FRD will be signing slash VO2 from the rare CQ Zone 2 in Labrador, northern Canada, until the end of August. He will be operating primarily SSB with some CW, on 10 to 40 meters, including the WARC bands. QSL via operators instructions.

Radio Amateur Circumnavigating the Globe

Radio Amateur and Sailor David Clark, KB6TAM, arrived at Fernando de Nornha on the 30th of May last and said all is well. He expects to resume his sail in a couple of days and plans to reach Fortaleza some 350 miles distant by early next week. He's now is on the home stretch of his quest to be the oldest person to sail solo around the world. Clark, who turned 77 on May the 17th last, is hoping to make Fort Lauderdale by July. He is keeping in touch with wife, Lynda, and others primarily via amateur radio phone patches. Clark survived a disaster in February that sank his original sailboat, the Mollie Milar. Corporate sponsors and helpful radio amateurs in South Africa and elsewhere helped him get another sailboat which he named Mickey in honour of his dog which he lost in the accident in February. For more information visit the website Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4353853 in the evenings or at 021-4823172 during office hours. Items can be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net and you can fax him at 021-4354113.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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